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Applicant: John P. McIntyre, Jr. et al.

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**RESPONSE TO THE DECEMBER 19, 2005 OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 19, 2005, for which a two-month petition of time is enclosed herewith, Applicant responds as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 14.